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## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Kevin Sorenson.

## Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, October 3, 2006

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of a Chair.

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Ted Menzies, Hon. Maria Minna, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mario Silva for Hon. Irwin Cotler.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.



Angela Crandall Clerk of the Subcommittee



Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, October 3, 2006

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 5:33 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Subcommittee present: Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Ted Menzies, Hon. Maria Minna, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

Acting Members present: Mario Silva for Hon. Irwin Cotler.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Ted Menzies, it was agreed, — That Kevin Sorenson be elected Chair of the Subcommittee.

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Maria Minna, it was agreed, — That Mario Silvia be elected First Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee.

On motion of Kevin Sorenson, it was agreed, — That Caroline St-Hilaire be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the Chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least 3 members are present, including one member of the opposition.

It was agreed, — That witnesses be given 10 minutes for their opening statement; that, at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated 7 minutes for the first questioner of each party; and that thereafter 5 minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner alternating between Government and Opposition parties.

It was agreed, — That 48 hours' notice be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Subcommittee, and that the notice of motion be filed with the Clerk of the Subcommittee and distributed to members in both official languages. Upon receipt of the notice, the Clerk shall put the motion on the agenda of the Subcommittee's next meeting.

It was agreed, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Subcommittee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person at an in camera meeting.

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It was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding two representative per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be made at the discretion of the Chair.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Subcommittee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Subcommittee only documents that are available in both official languages.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Subcommittee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Subcommittee.

It was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of each in camera meeting be kept in the Subcommittee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Subcommittee.

At 5:43 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2006/10/06 1:37 p.m.

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## SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Jason Kenney.

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Irwin Cotler,
Jason Kenney,
Wayne Marston,
Ted Menzies,
Mario Silva,
Kevin Sorenson
and Caroline St-Hilaire.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee



Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Ted Menzies, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That witnesses from Amnesty International and Rights and Democracy as well as Professor Charles Burton from Brook University be invited to appear to provide a briefing on Canada-China dialogue on human rights October 31, 2006.

It was agreed, — That witnesses from the Christian Labour Association of Canada, the Canadian Labour Congress and the Canadian Foundation for the Americas be invited to provide a briefing on the human rights situation in Cuba on November 7, 2006.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee hold a meeting to follow-up on recommendations made in the committee report presented to the House during the 38th Parliament, entitled *Mining in Developing Countries - Corporate Social Responsibility*.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee hold a meeting on the human rights situation in Iran.

The Chair informed the Subcommittee of his resignation as Chair.

Accordingly, pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), the Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of a Chair.

It was agreed, — That Jason Kenny be elected Chair of the Subcommittee.

At 12:18 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2006/10/26 9:09 a.m.



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## SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Jason Kenney.

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Jason Kenney,
Wayne Marston,
Ted Menzies,
Mario Silva,
Kevin Sorenson
and Caroline St-Hilaire.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Derek Lee for Hon. Irwin Cotler.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development:

#### Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

Charles Burton, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Brock University.

Rights and Democracy (International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development):

Razmik Panossian, Director, Policy, Programs and Planning.

Amnesty International Canada:

Alex Neve, Secretary General, English Speaking Section.



Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Jason Kenney, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Ted Menzies, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

Acting Members present: Derek Lee for Hon. Irwin Cotler.

In attendance: Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development: Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Charles Burton, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Brock University. Rights and Democracy (International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development): Razmik Panossian, Director, Policy, Programs and Planning. Amnesty International Canada: Alex Neve, Secretary General, English Speaking Section.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee commenced its study on Human Rights in China.

Charles Burton, Razmik Panossian and Alex Neve made statements and answered questions.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

At 12:39 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:42 p.m., the sitting resumed.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, Jim Abbott, member of Parliament for Kootenay—Columbia be allowed to speak.

It was agreed, — That, the Committee take into consideration the documentation presented by the witnesses who appeared before the Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade in the First Session of the 38th Parliament concerning the study on Cuba Cuba.

At 1:00 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

2006/11/01 3:39 p.m.

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## SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Jason Kenney.

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee commenced its study on Human Rights in Cuba.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Irwin Cotler, Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Deepak Obhrai for Ted Menzies, and Peter Van Loan for Ted Menzies.

#### OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois and Meili Faille.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development:

Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Tashi Wangdi, Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama for the Americas; Lodi Gyari, Special Envoy of His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

Canadian Foundation for the Americas (FOCAL): Christina Warren, Program Director.

Christian Labour Association of Canada:

Brian Dijkema, Ontario Solidarity Organizer, CLAC Solidarity; Ian De Waard, Regional Director, CLAC Ottawa.

Angela Crandall
Committee Clerk



Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Jason Kenney, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

Acting Members present: Deepak Obhrai for Ted Menzies and Peter Van Loan for Ted Menzies.

Other Members present: Diane Bourgeois and Meili Faille.

In attendance: Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development: Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Witnesses: As individuals: Tashi Wangdi, Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama for the Americas; Lodi Gyari, Special Envoy of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Canadian Foundation for the Americas (FOCAL): Christina Warren, Program Director. Christian Labour Association of Canada: Brian Dijkema, Ontario Solidarity Organizer, CLAC Solidarity; Ian De Waard, Regional Director, CLAC Ottawa.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:21 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:25 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee commenced its study on Human Rights in Cuba.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

Caroline St-Hilaire moved, — That, the Subcommittee on International Human Rights requests for a copy of the original preliminary version of the report prepared by Professor Charles Burton, based on Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Letter of Agreement Number 12800 CB of August 1, 2005, on the Assessment of the Canada-China Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 2.

At 1:28 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall Committee Clerk

2006/11/08 3:27 p.m.

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## SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Jason Kenney.

## Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Irwin Cotler,
Jason Kenney,
Wayne Marston,
Ted Menzies,
Kevin Sorenson
and Caroline St-Hilaire.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brian Fitzpatrick for Kevin Sorenson, and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Mario Silva.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development:

Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

PEN Canada:

David Cozac, Programs Coordinator.

Toronto Association for Democracy in China: Cheuk Kwan, Chair.

Falun Dafa Association of Canada: Xun (Shawn) Li, President.

Federation for a Democratic China: Xue Sheng, Vice-President.



Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Jason Kenney, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Ted Menzies, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

Acting Members present: Brian Fitzpatrick for Kevin Sorenson and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Mario Silva.

In attendance: Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development: Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Witnesses: PEN Canada: David Cozac, Programs Coordinator. Toronto Association for Democracy in China: Cheuk Kwan, Chair. Falun Dafa Association of Canada: Xun (Shawn) Li, President. Federation for a Democratic China: Xue Sheng, Vice-President.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:40 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:43 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That, the committee invite the international Uyghur Human Rights and Democracy foundation and not the chinese Ambassador for the meeting of December 5th, 2006.

At 12:58 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger Clerk of the Subcommittee

2006/11/23 9:10 a.m.



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# SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Jason Kenney.

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Hon. Irwin Cotler,
Jason Kenney,
Wayne Marston,
Ted Menzies,
Mario Silva,
Kevin Sorenson
and Caroline St-Hilaire.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sylvie Boucher for Ted Menzies.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development:

Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Human Rights Watch:

Mickey Spiegel, Senior Researcher for China; Carrie Wilson, Administrator.

Canadian Labour Congress:

Stephen Benedict, National Director, International Department.

Canada-Tibet Committee:

Luisa Durante, National Coordinator.

Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network:

Richard Elliott, Deputy Director, Policy Unit.

Mickey Spiegel, Stephen Benedict, Luisa Durante and Richard Elliott made statements and, answered questions.



Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Jason Kenney, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Ted Menzies, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

Acting Members present: Sylvie Boucher for Ted Menzies.

In attendance: Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development: Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Witnesses: Human Rights Watch: Mickey Spiegel, Senior Researcher for China; Carrie Wilson, Administrator. Canadian Labour Congress: Stephen Benedict, National Director, International Department. Canada-Tibet Committee: Luisa Durante, National Coordinator. Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network: Richard Elliott, Deputy Director, Policy Unit.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

Mickey Spiegel, Stephen Benedict, Luisa Durante and Richard Elliott made statements and, answered questions.

At 12:35 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:39 p.m., the Subcommittee proceeded to sit in camera.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the following witnesses: Canadian Council of Chief Executive: Thomas d'Aquino, Chief Executive and President; Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada: Paul Evans, Co-CEO and Chairman of the Executive Committee; Canada China Business Council: Peter Kruyt, Chairman or Sergio Marchi, Senior Business Advisor and University of Ottawa: Prof. Errol Mendes, Faculty of Law be invited to appear in relation to Canada / China Dialogue on Human Rights for the meeting of Tuesday December 12, 2006.

At 12:47 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



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## SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Jason Kenney.

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Jason Kenney,
Wayne Marston,
Ted Menzies,
Mario Silva,
Kevin Sorenson
and Caroline St-Hilaire.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development:

Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs:

Mr. Gordon Houlden, Director General, East Asia Bureau; Adèle Dion, Director General, Human Security and Human Rights.

Canadian International Development Agency:
Hau Sing Tse, Vice-President, Asia Branch;
Jeff Nankivell, Director, China and Northeast Asia Division.

Gordon Houldon, Adèle Dion and Hau Sing Tse made statements and, with Jeff Nankivell, answered questions.



Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Jason Kenney, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Ted Menzies, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

In attendance: Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development: Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs: Mr. Gordon Houlden, Director General, East Asia Bureau; Adèle Dion, Director General, Human Security and Human Rights. Canadian International Development Agency: Hau Sing Tse, Vice-President, Asia Branch; Jeff Nankivell, Director, China and Northeast Asia Division.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

Gordon Houldon, Adèle Dion and Hau Sing Tse made statements and, with Jeff Nankivell, answered questions.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That, Rebiya Kadeer be invited to appear before the committee on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

At 12:56 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger Clerk of the Subcommittee

2006/12/05 4:03 p.m.



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## SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Jason Kenney.

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Irwin Cotler,
Jason Kenney,
Wayne Marston,
Ted Menzies,
Kevin Sorenson
and Caroline St-Hilaire.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development:

Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

# International Uyghur Human Rights and Democracy foundation: Rebiya Kadeer, President.

Uyghur Canadian Association:
Mehmet Tohti, President.

Rebiya Kadeer made a statement and, with Mehmet Tohti, answered questions.



Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Jason Kenney, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Ted Menzies, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

In attendance: Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development: Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Witnesses: International Uyghur Human Rights and Democracy foundation: Rebiya Kadeer, President. Uyghur Canadian Association: Mehmet Tohti, President.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

Rebiya Kadeer made a statement and, with Mehmet Tohti, answered questions.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

At 12:32 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2006/12/12 2:23 p.m.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

#### **IN-CAMERA:**







Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 12:12 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Jason Kenney, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

Acting Members present: Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Hon. Irwin Cotler.

In attendance: Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development: Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

On motion of Caroline St-Hilaire, it was agreed, — That the committee invite Mr. Tom d'Aquino to appear on February 20, 2007, in relation to the study on Canada China Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue.

It was agreed, — That the following witnesses: Hon. Sergio Marchi and Dr. Paul Evans be invited to appear on February 20, 2007, in relation to the study on Canada China Human Rights Dialogue.

It was agreed, — That the following witnesses: professor Errol Mendes, University of Ottawa and Chungsen Leung be invited to appear on February 27, 2007, in relation to the study on Canada-China Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue.

It was agreed, — That the analyst provide the subcommittee with a draft outline of a report on February 27, 2007 concerning the Canada China Human Rights Dialogue Study.

At 12:51 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Alexandre Roger Committee Clerk

2007/02/19 4:15 p.m.



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## SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wajid Khan, Wayne Marston, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

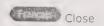
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada:
Paul Evans, Co-Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Canada China Business Council: Hon. Sergio Marchi, President.

> Bibiane Ouellette Committee Clerk



Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Jason Kenney, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wajid Khan, Wayne Marston, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Witnesses: Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada: Paul Evans, Co-Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Executive Committee. Canada China Business Council: Hon. Sergio Marchi, President.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

Paul Evans and Hon. Sergio Marchi made opening statements and answered questions.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

Wayne Marston moved, — That the Subcommittee on International Human Rights study, invite witnesses to testify and make recommendations to Parliament on Canada's adherence to the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention Against Torture.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Wayne Marston moved, — That the Subcommittee on International Human Rights study the increasing human rights concerns around the situation of North Korean refugees in China; and that the Subcommittee invite witnesses to testify about human rights violations in North Korea and the plight of North Korean refugees in China.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$22,900, for the period of January 29, 2007 to March 31, 2007 be adopted.

At 12:44 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette Committee Clerk

2007/02/27 2:57 p.m.



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## SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## Meeting No. 11

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Tuesday, March 20, 2007

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wajid Khan, Wayne Marston, Mario Silva and Caroline St-Hilaire.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Peter Goldring for Kevin Sorenson.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

As an Individual:
Lu Decheng.

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:
Sylvie Blais, Parliamentary Liaison Officer, Cabinet and Parliamentary
Liaison.

Bibiane Ouellette Clerk of the Subcommittee

## Close

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Jason Kenney, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wajid Khan, Wayne Marston, Mario Silva and Caroline St-Hilaire.

Acting Members present: Peter Goldring for Kevin Sorenson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Lu Decheng. Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Sylvie Blais, Parliamentary Liaison Officer, Cabinet and Parliamentary Liaison.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

Lu Decheng made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:23 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:25 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in camera.

Sylvie Blais made a statement and answered questions.

Caroline St-Hilaire moved, — That the Subcommittee on International Human Rights report to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development the following motion: The Subcommittee on International Human Rights expresses its profound disapproval at the failure of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Development to comply with the motion of Caroline St-Hilaire, adopted by the Subcommittee on November 7, 2006, requesting a copy of a report prepared by Professor Charles Burton;

Therefore, the Subcommittee on International Human Rights demands the unconditional production of the unedited and original version of the report prepared by Professor Charles Burton, based on Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Letter of Agreement Number 12800 CB of August 1, 2005, on the Assessment of the Canada-China Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue, no later than the morning of March 26, 2007.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

On motion of Wayne Marston, it was agreed, — That the Deputy Minister of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade be invited to appear before the Subcommittee to explain the Department's failure to comply with the motion of Caroline St-Hilaire, adopted on November 7, 2006, requesting copy of the report of Professor Charles Burton.

The Subcommittee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 1:00 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette Clerk of the Subcommittee

2007/03/22 10:22 a.m.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Tuesday, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee commenced its study of human rights in Iran .

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wajid Khan, Wayne Marston, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

Nazanin Afshin-Jam, Human Rights Activist - Stop Child Executions Campaign.

McGill University:

Payam Akhavan, Faculty of Law.

Freedom Now: Jared Genser, President.

> Bibiane Ouellette Clerk of the Subcommittee

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Jason Kenney, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wajid Khan, Wayne Marston, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Nazanin Afshin-Jam, Human Rights Activist - Stop Child Executions Campaign. McGill University: Payam Akhavan, Faculty of Law. Freedom Now: Jared Genser, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Tuesday, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee commenced its study of human rights in Iran.

Payam Akhavan, Jared Genser and Nazanin Afshin-Jam made opening statements and answered questions.

At 12:10, Mario Silva took the Chair.

At 12:15, Jason Kenney took the Chair.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

Wayne Marston moved, — That the Subcommittee on International Human Rights report the following to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development:

That the Subcommittee on International Human Rights urge the Minister of Foreign Affairs to take all steps possible to urge the Prime Minister and the Parliament of Japan to: (a) pass a resolution in the Diet to formally apologize to the women who were coerced into military sexual slavery during the Second World War and were euphemized as "comfort women" by the Japanese Imperial Army; and (b) to provide just and honourable compensation to these victims.

The question was put on the motion and the results of the vote was announced: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 3.

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the affirmative.

Accordingly, the motion was agreed to.

At 1:09 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette Clerk of the Subcommittee

2007/03/28 2:00 p.m.



## SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## Meeting No. 13

Thursday, March 29, 2007

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wajid Khan, Wayne Marston, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Allison Goody, Analyst;
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Bibiane Ouellette Clerk of the Subcommittee



Meeting No. 13

Thursday, March 29, 2007

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Jason Kenney, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wajid Khan, Wayne Marston, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Allison Goody, Analyst; Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

The Subcommittee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Deputy Minister of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade be invited to appear before the Subcommittee on April 17, 2007.

At 10:49 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:49 a.m., the Subcommittee resumed sitting in public.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

Mario Silva moved, — That the Subcommittee on International Human Rights report the following to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development:

That the Government of Canada should launch a criminal investigation into the involvement of Iranian Prosecutor General Sayeed Martazevi in the torture and murder of Canadian citizen Zarah Kazemi pursuant to section 269.1 and 7 (3.7) (d) of the Criminal Code; and that this investigation form the basis of an international indictment of Sayeed Martazevi for these crimes.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 2.

Irwin Cotler moved, — That the Subcommittee on International Human Rights report the following to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development:

Whereas there have been repeated "direct and public incitements to commit genocide" against Jews in Israel by senior Iranian government officials in violation of Article 3c) of the Genocide Convention; Be it resolved that:

- 1. Canada call on the U.N. Security Council to not only continue to address Iran's development of nuclear weapons, but to consider Iran's state-sanctioned incitement to genocide as a standing threat to international peace and security, and to refer this case to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court for investigation and prosecution.
- 2. Canada initiate a state to state complaint under the Genocide Convention against Iran in the International Court of Justice for its incitement of genocide.

Debate arose thereon.

It was agreed, — That debate on the motion continue at some future time.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 9,900, for the period of March 27, 2007 to May 31, 2007

be adopted.

At 11:00 a.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette Clerk of the Subcommittee

2007/04/17 9:10 a.m.

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

**IN-CAMERA:** 





Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Jason Kenney, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Jason Kenney, Wajid Khan, Wayne Marston, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Allison Goody, Analyst. House of Commons: Steve Chaplin, Legal Counsel, Legal Services.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Leonard J. Edwards, Deputy Minister. Jocelyne Sabourin, Director, Access to Information and Privacy Protection Division. Permanent Mission of Canada of the United Nations: Henri-Paul Normandin, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

Leonard J. Edwards made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:39 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:36 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:36 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette Clerk of the Subcommittee

2007/04/17 3:07 p.m.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, April 19, 2007

**IN-CAMERA:** 





Meeting No. 15

Thursday, April 19, 2007

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Jason Kenney, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

Acting Members present: Peter Goldring for Wajid Khan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Allison Goody, Analyst.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

It was agreed, — That the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade produce a copy of the uncensored, unexpurgated version of the report prepared by Professor Charles Burton, pursuant to the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on March 20, 2007;

That the examination on April 24, 2007, of the said Report take place at an *in camera* meeting with all the procedural protections normally accorded to *in camera* meetings, including a ban on the publication of the proceedings of the Subcommittee and on the disclosure of any information contained in the said report which may be protected from disclosure under either the Access to Information Act or the Privacy Act; and

That, after the *in camera* review of the said report, it be immediately returned to officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

The Subcommittee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 1:25 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette Clerk of the Subcommittee

2007/04/19 3:00 p.m.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

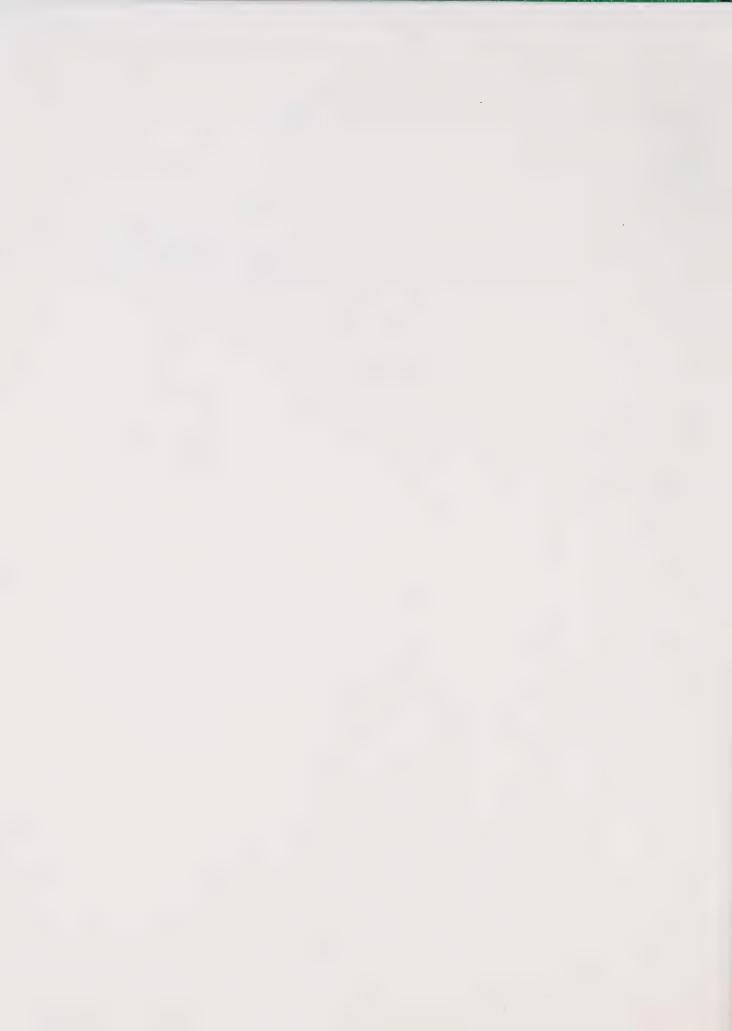
## SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Meeting No. 16

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Tuesday, April 24, 2007

**IN-CAMERA:** 





Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met in camera at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Jason Kenney, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Jason Kenney, Wajid Khan, Wayne Marston, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

Acting Members present: Hon. Dan McTeague for Hon. Irwin Cotler.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

The Subcommittee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — WHEREAS Maxim Charbonneau, a Canadian citizen, has been imprisoned in Haiti since July 2006. without any charges being laid against him;

WHEREAS in spite of pressure from the family and Ambassador Claude Boucher, there has been no movement on his file, it is proposed that:

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights invite the Haitian ambassador to Canada or his representative to appear as soon as possible before the Subcommittee to provide an update on the status of Maxim Charbonneau's file.

It was agreed, — That the Chair send a letter to Leonard J. Edwards, deputy Minister of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

At 12:39 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette Clerk of the Subcommittee

2007/04/26 9:11 a.m.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee commenced its study on Human Rights in Cuba.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wajid Khan, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Maria Minna for Mario Silva, and Denise Savoie for Wayne Marston.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Social Democrat Party of Cuba: Asdrubal Caner Camejo.

Table de concertation de solidarité Québec-Cuba: Colette Lavergne.

Cuba-Nouvelles:
Philippe Leroux.

Caravane d'amitié Québec-Cuba: Sean O'Donoghue.

Cuban Canadian Foundation:

Nelson Taylor Sol, Director, Ottawa Delegation;
Roberto Sablon, Director, Public Relations Affairs.

Bibiane Ouellette Clerk of the Subcommittee



Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Jason Kenney, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wajid Khan, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

Acting Members present: Hon. Maria Minna for Mario Silva and Denise Savoie for Wayne Marston.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Witnesses: Social Democrat Party of Cuba: Asdrubal Caner Camejo. Table de concertation de solidarité Québec-Cuba: Colette Lavergne. Cuba-Nouvelles: Philippe Leroux. Caravane d'amitié Québec-Cuba: Sean O'Donoghue. Cuban Canadian Foundation: Nelson Taylor Sol, Director, Ottawa Delegation; Roberto Sablon, Director, Public Relations Affairs.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in Cuba.

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, April 24, 2007, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in China.

At 12:55 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:04 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

Irwin Cotler moved, — Whereas senior Iranian government officials have consistently violated the prohibition in Article Three (c) of the Genocide Convention against the direct and public incitement to commit genocide, in their clear and persistent calls for the "annihilation" of Israel and for "Israel to be wiped off the map."

Whereas these public and direct genocidal incitements also violate the prohibition in Article 25(3)(e) of the Statute for an International Criminal Court against the public and direct incitement to Genocide. Whereas these public and direct genocidal incitements are accompanied by Iran's intent to acquire nuclear weapons, in violation of United Nations Security Council Resolutions.

Whereas State Parties to the Genocide Convention have a responsibility to enforce the obligations under the Convention to prevent the direct and public incitement to commit Genocide.

Therefore, it is recommended that:

- 1. Canada, as a State Party to the Genocide Convention, call upon the competent organs of the United Nations to take such action under the Charter of the United Nations as they consider appropriate for the prevention and suppression of the public and direct incitement to commit genocide as set forth under Article Three (c) of the Genocide Convention;
- 2. Canada call upon the United Nations Security Council to refer the situation of the genocidal incitement to the Special Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court for investigation and prosecution.

Denise Savoie moved, — That the motion be amended in the first paragraph by adding the words "by senior Iranian government officials" after the words "commit genocide";

That the motion be amended in the second paragraph by adding the words "by senior Iranian government officials" after the word "incitement"; and

That the motion be amended in the second paragraph by deleting all the words after the word "Court" and replacing them with the words "in order to determine the basis of an investigation and prosecution".

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Denise Savoie and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 2.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 2.

At 2:01 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette Clerk of the Subcommittee

2007/05/07 1:58 p.m.

# HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee commenced its study on Human Rights in Cuba.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wajid Khan, Wayne Marston, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

#### Université du Québec à Montréal:

Dulce-Maria Cruz-Herrera, Research Associate, Centre de recherche sur l'immigration, l'ethnicité et la citoyenneté.

#### Carleton University:

Archibald R. M. Ritter, Economics and International Affairs.

Bibiane Ouellette Clerk of the Subcommittee

### Close

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Jason Kenney, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wajid Khan, Wayne Marston, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Witnesses: Université du Québec à Montréal: Dulce-Maria Cruz-Herrera, Research Associate, Centre de recherche sur l'immigration, l'ethnicité et la citoyenneté. Carleton University: Archibald R. M. Ritter, Economics and International Affairs.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in Cuba.

Dulce-Maria Cruz-Herrera and Archibald R. M. Ritter made opening statements and answered questions.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That The Chair present the Fifth Report from the Subcommittee on International Human Rights to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, which read as follows:

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development has the honour to present its FIFTH REPORT

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and a motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, your Subcommittee reports the following:

Whereas senior Iranian government officials have consistently violated the prohibition in Article Three (c) of the Genocide Convention against the direct and public incitement to commit genocide, in their clear and persistent calls for the "annihilation" of Israel and for "Israel to be wiped off the map."

Whereas these public and direct genocidal incitements also violate the prohibition in Article 25(3)(e) of the Statute for an International Criminal Court against the public and direct incitement to Genocide.

Whereas these public and direct genocidal incitements are accompanied by Iran's intent to acquire nuclear weapons, in violation of United Nations Security Council Resolutions.

Whereas State Parties to the Genocide Convention have a responsibility to enforce the obligations under the Convention to prevent the direct and public incitement to commit Genocide.

Therefore, it is recommended that:

- 1. Canada, as a State Party to the Genocide Convention, call upon the competent organs of the United Nations to take such action under the Charter of the United Nations as they consider appropriate for the prevention and suppression of the public and direct incitement to commit genocide by senior Iranian government officials as set forth under Article Three (c) of the Genocide Convention;
- 2. Canada call upon the United Nations Security Council to refer the situation of the genocidal incitement by senior government Iranian officials to the Special Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in order to determine the basis

of an investigation and prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

JASON KENNEY

Chair.

It was agreed, — That the following witnesses: Ed Broadbent and professor John Kirk, Dalhousie University, be invited to appear on May 15, 2007, in relation to the study on human rights in Cuba.

At 12:57 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette Clerk of the Subcommittee

2007/05/09 3:19 p.m.

Close

# HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee commenced its study on Human Rights in Cuba.

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wajid Khan, Wayne Marston, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Embassy of the Czech Republic: H.E. Pavel Vosalik, Ambassador; Karel Hejc, First Secretary.

### As Individuals:

Hon. Ed Broadbent; Guillermo Sambra Ferrandiz; Alberto Aguilera.

> Bibiane Ouellette Clerk of the Subcommittee



#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Jason Kenney, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wajid Khan, Wayne Marston, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Witnesses: Embassy of the Czech Republic: H.E. Pavel Vosalik, Ambassador; Karel Hejc, First Secretary. As individuals: Hon. Ed Broadbent; Guillermo Sambra Ferrandiz; Alberto Aguilera.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in Cuba.

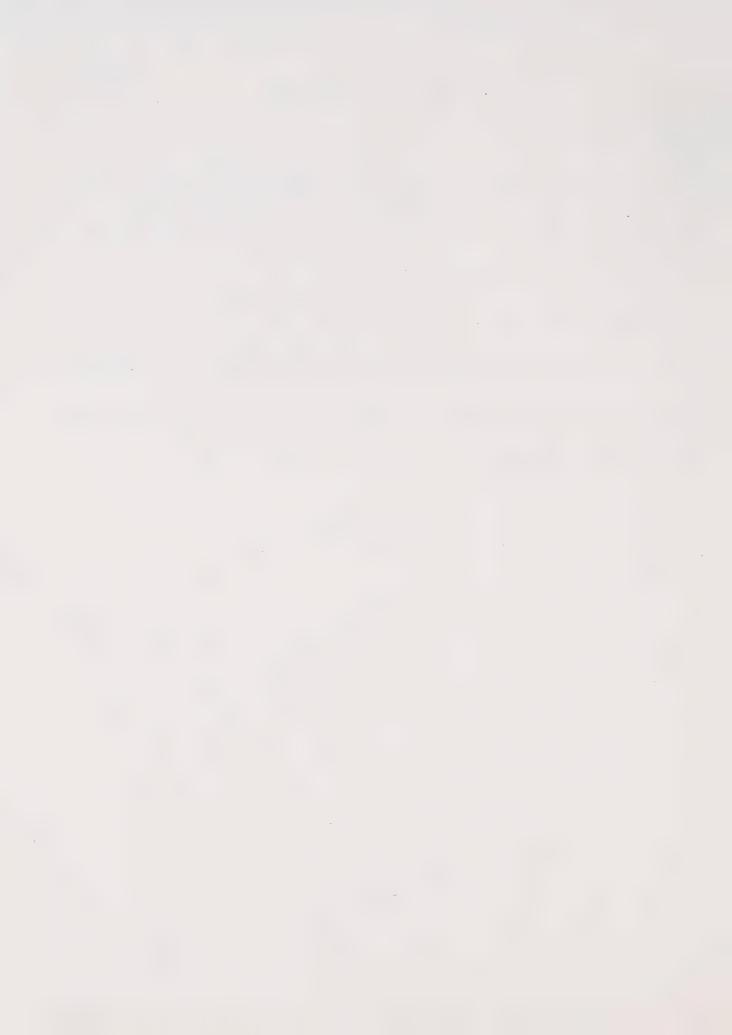
H.E. Pavel Vosalik, Hon. Ed Broadbent, Guillermo Sambra Ferrandiz and Alberto Aguilera made opening statements and answered questions.

At 1:04 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette Clerk of the Subcommittee

2007/05/16 9:39 a.m.

Close



#### HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee commenced its study on Human Rights in Cuba.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wajid Khan, Wayne Marston, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Peter J. Boyle;
Henry Hynd.

Bibiane Ouellette Clerk of the Subcommittee

### Close

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Jason Kenney, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wajid Khan, Wayne Marston, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Witnesses: As individuals: Peter J. Boyle; Henry Hynd.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, May 10, 2006 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, October 24, 2006, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in Cuba.

Peter J. Boyle and Henry Hynd made opening statements and answered questions.

At 12:00 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:02 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in camera.

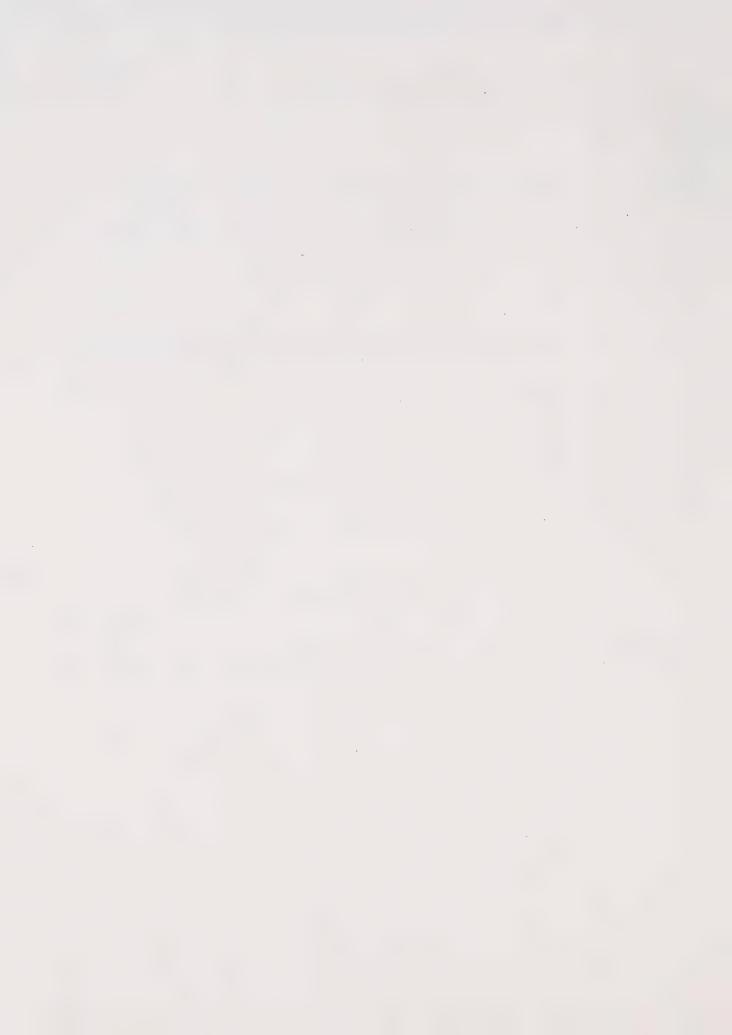
The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

At 12:51 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette Clerk of the Subcommittee

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# HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Tuesday, February 20, 2007, the Subcommittee resumed its study of Canada's adherence to the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention Against Torture.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Wajid Khan, Wayne Marston, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies: Kim Pate, Executive Director;

#### Dominique Larochelle, Member of the Board of Directors.

Association for the Prevention of Torture:
Philippe Tremblay, Officer, Asia-Pacific Program.

Bibiane Ouellette Clerk of the Subcommittee



#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met by teleconference at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Mario Silva, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Wajid Khan, Wayne Marston, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies: Kim Pate, Executive Director; Dominique Larochelle, Member of the Board of Directors. Association for the Prevention of Torture: Philippe Tremblay, Officer, Asia-Pacific Program.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Tuesday, February 20, 2007, the Subcommittee commenced its study of Canada's adherence to the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention Against Torture.

Kim Pate and Philippe Tremblay (by teleconference from Geneva) made opening statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

Caroline St-Hilaire moved, — Whereas Munir Said Thalib, an eminent defender of human rights in Indonesia, was poisoned in September 2004 aboard a flight from Jakarta to Amsterdam;

Whereas the President of Indonesia, Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, set up an independent commission of enquiry to shed light on the Munir case;

Whereas the commission submitted its report and recommendations on June 23, 2005, but these have never so far been released to the public;

Therefore, the Subcommittee on International Human Rights recommends:

That Canada use appropriate diplomatic means to express publicly to the government of Indonesia its profound disagreement with the non-publication of the report of the presidential commission on the murder of Munir Said Thalib; and

That pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development report the adoption of this motion to the House at the earliest opportunity.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 0.

At 12:35 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette Clerk of the Subcommittee

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# HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Meeting No. 22

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Tuesday, June 12, 2007

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Tuesday, February 20, 2007, the Subcommittee resumed its study of Canada's adherence to the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention Against Torture.

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Wajid Khan, Wayne Marston, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Department of Justice Canada:

Elisabeth Eid, Director and Senior General Counsel, Human Rights Law Section.

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

### Alan H. Kessel, Legal Advisor.

Amnesty International:
Alex Neve, Secretary General.

Bibiane Ouellette Clerk of the Subcommittee



#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 11:46 a.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Mario Silva, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Wajid Khan, Wayne Marston, Mario Silva, Kevin Sorenson and Caroline St-Hilaire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Justice Canada: Elisabeth Eid, Director and Senior General Counsel, Human Rights Law Section. Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Alan H. Kessel, Legal Advisor. Amnesty International Canada: Alex Neve, Secretary General.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Tuesday, February 20, 2007, the Subcommittee resumed its study of Canada's adherence to the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention Against Torture.

Alan H. Kessel and Elisabeth Eid made opening statements and answered questions.

Alex Neve made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 12:54 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette Clerk of the Subcommittee

2007/06/13 2:36 p.m.

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# HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Clerk of the Subcommittee: Roger Préfontaine.

### Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of a Chair.

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva, Caroline St-Hilaire and David Sweet.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Angela Crandall, Procedural Clerk.



Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee



#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 1:13 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva, Caroline St-Hilaire and David Sweet.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst. House of Commons: Angela Crandall, Procedural Clerk.

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Jason Kenney, it was agreed, — That Scott Reid be elected Chair of the Subcommittee.

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Jason Kenney, it was agreed, — That Mario Silva be elected First Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee.

On motion of Jason Kenney, it was agreed, — That Caroline St-Hilaire be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the Chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least 3 members are present, including one member of the opposition.

It was agreed, — That witnesses be given 10 minutes for their opening statement; that, at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated 7 minutes for the first questioner of each party; and that thereafter 5 minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner alternating between Government and Opposition parties.

It was agreed, — That 48 hours' notice be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Subcommittee, and that the notice of motion be filed with the Clerk of the Subcommittee and distributed to members in both official languages. Upon receipt of the notice, the Clerk shall put the motion on the agenda of the Subcommittee's next meeting.

It was agreed, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Subcommittee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person at an in camera meeting.

It was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding two representative per organization; and that, in exceptional

circumstances, payment for more representatives be made at the discretion of the Chair.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Subcommittee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Subcommittee only documents that are available in both official languages.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Subcommittee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Subcommittee.

It was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of each in camera meeting be kept in the Subcommittee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Subcommittee.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hear Ms. Shirin Ebadi on Thursday, March 6, 2008.

At 1:57 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

2008/03/05 3:31 p.m.

# HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

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### SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Scott Reid.

### Meeting No. 2

Thursday, March 6, 2008

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee met with Shirin Ebadi, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva, Caroline St-Hilaire and David Sweet.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marcus Pistor, Analyst;

Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

As an Individual:
Shirin Ebadi, Iranian Lawyer.

#### OTHER PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

McGill University:
Payam Akhavan.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

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#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, March 6, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 9:12 a.m. this day, in Room 213, Wellington Building, the Chair, Scott Reid, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva, Caroline St-Hilaire and David Sweet.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst; Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Shirin Ebadi, Iranian Lawyer.

Other Participants present: McGill University: Payam Akhavan.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, the Subcommittee met with Shirin Ebadi, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate.

At 9:14 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:18 a.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee resume its studies of Human Rights in China and Cuba.

At 10:53 a.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

2008/03/07 3:06 p.m.



# HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

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# SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Scott Reid.

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 6, 2008, the Subcommittee commenced its study on Canada-China Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue.

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva, Caroline St-Hilaire and David Sweet.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Robert Dufresne, Analyst;

Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

### Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

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#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 1:05 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Scott Reid, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva, Caroline St-Hilaire and David Sweet.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Robert Dufresne, Analyst; Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 6, 2008, the Subcommittee commenced its study on Canada-China Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue.

It was agreed, — That the evidence and documentation received by the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development in relation to its study of the Canada-China Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue during the First Session of the 39<sup>th</sup> Parliament, be taken into consideration by the Subcommittee in this session.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee adopt the report entitled: Canada-China Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue.

It was agreed, — That the Chair of the Subcommittee present the report to the Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development asking that it be adopted as soon as possible by the Committee and tabled in the House before this summer's Olympic Games in China, while the international community has the most leverage.

Wayne Marston moved, — Whereas Omar Khadr, a Canadian born citizen is being held as an enemy combatant in the United States Detention Facility at Guantanamo Bay Cuba;

And whereas Canada is a signatory to the United Nations Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict;

And whereas this Protocol defines a child combatant to be children under the age of eighteen years;

And whereas the crimes Mr. Khadr is alleged to have committed in battle, took place when Mr. Khadr was fifteen years old and by the definition of the Optional Protocol was a child soldier at that time;

And whereas the trial of Omar Khadr is expected to take place in June of this year;

Be it resolved that the Subcommittee set as a priority order of business to hear witnesses regarding Mr. Khadr's case, including Mr. Khadr's lawyers, experts and the Minister of Foreign Affairs to garner evidence and prepare a report to the Foreign Affairs and International Development Committee for Parliament on the case of the detention and prosecution of Omar Khadr, unless the Standing Committee

on Foreign Affairs and International Development commences hearings on the same matter.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

It was agreed, — That the analysts prepare a draft report for the Subcommitte's consideration on its study of Human Rights in Cuba.

At 2:05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:06 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

On motion of Jason Kenney, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development express its grave concern about the March 29, 2008, elections in Zimbabwe and the harassment of opposition parties and candidates, and call on the Government of Canada to take all reasonable measures, including the participation of election observers to promote free and fair elections in Zimbabwe.

It was agreed, — That the Sucommittee meet on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

At 2:07 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

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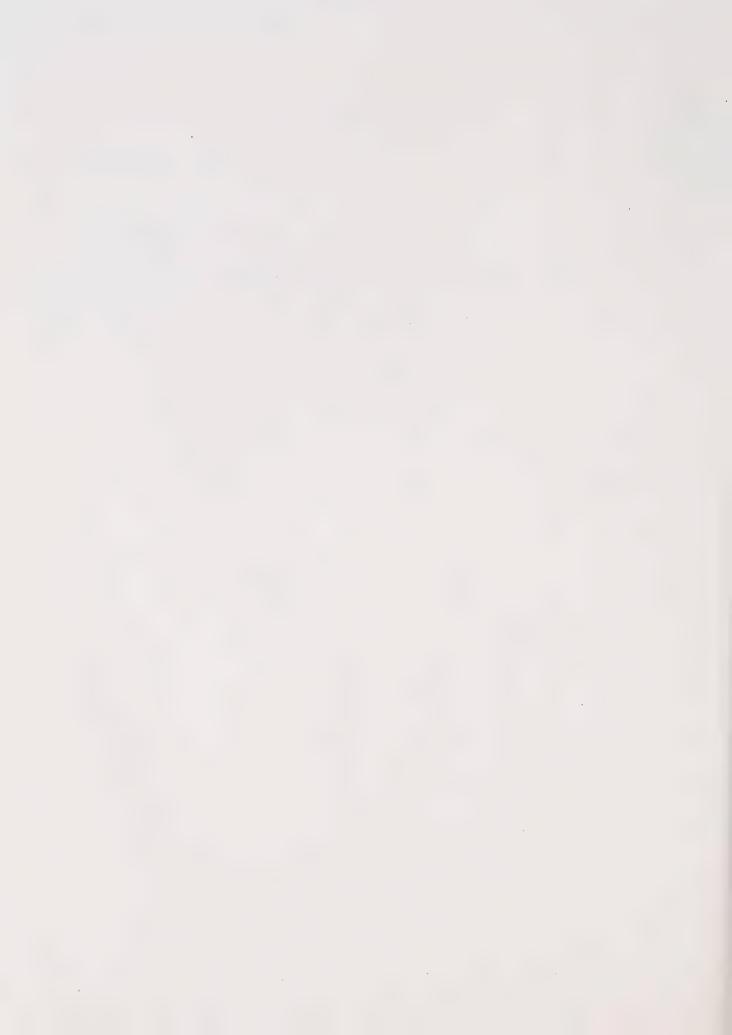
### SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Scott Reid

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

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Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 1:13 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Scott Reid, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva, Caroline St-Hilaire and David Sweet.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Robert Dufresne, Analyst; Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 6, 2008, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in Cuba.

The Subcommittee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee set as a priority order of business to hear witnesses from the Organization of American States (OAS), including experts, academics and the Minister of Foreign Affairs to garner evidence and prepare a report to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development on the issue of ratifying the American Convention on Human Rights.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee meet on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. to resume consideration of a draft report on Human Rights in Cuba.

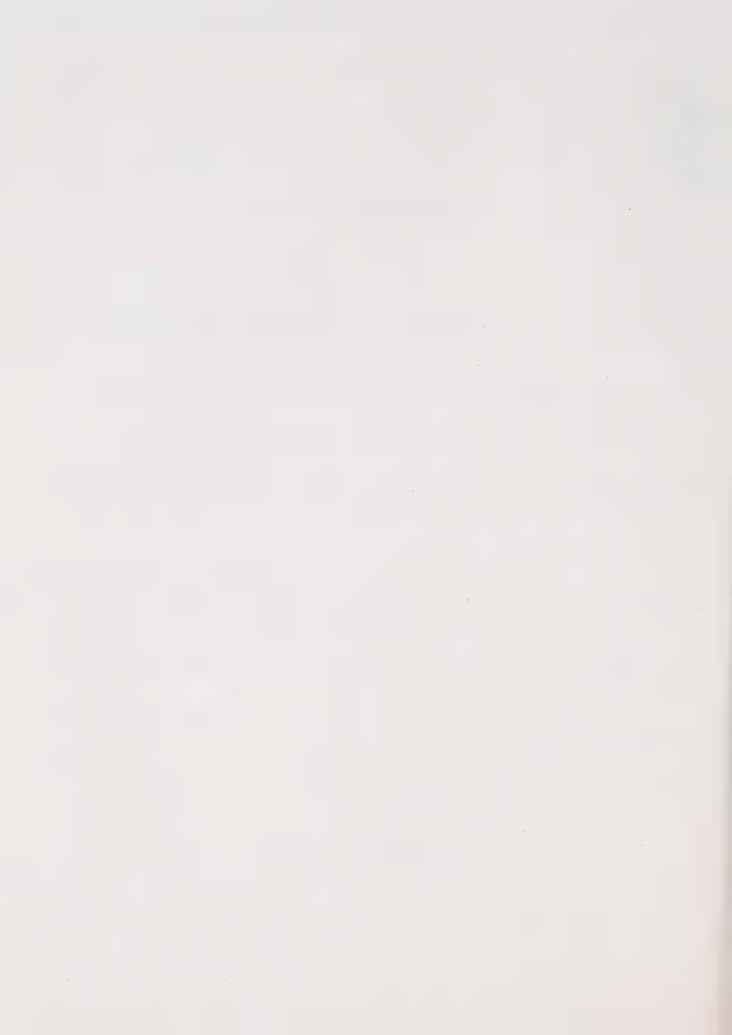
It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee meet on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. to consider its future business.

At 2:06 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

2008/04/11 12:13 p.m.





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# SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Scott Reid

Meeting No. 5

Monday, April 7, 2008







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### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Monday, April 7, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 1:04 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Scott Reid, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva, Caroline St-Hilaire and David Sweet.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Robert Dufresne, Analyst; Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 6, 2008, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in Cuba.

The Subcommittee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development expresses its grave concern regarding the People's Republic of China's response to recent unrest in Tibet and neighbouring regions of China; that the People's Republic of China be urged to allow immediate access to the entire affected region by accredited international observers, media and relevant UN bodies; that the People's Republic of China be called upon to take immediate steps to improve the human rights situation in Tibet including by respecting the rights of Tibetans to freedom of expression, association, spiritual belief, movement, and peaceful protest; and that the People's Republic of China be encouraged promptly to hold meaningful, good faith negotiations with His Holiness the Dalai Lama or his representatives towards the establishment of an early, peaceful and sustainable settlement of the Tibetan issue.

At 2:04 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

2008/04/07 4:03 p.m.





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# SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Scott Reid

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, April 8, 2008







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### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 1:04 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Scott Reid, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva, Caroline St-Hilaire and David Sweet.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Robert Dufresne, Analyst; Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

The Subcommittee resumed consideration of a draft report.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee hear three members of the Congress of the Philippines and Firoze Manji, Director, Fahamu-Networks for Social Justice and Editor, Pambazuka News on April 15, 2008.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 6, 2008, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in Cuba.

At 2:04 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

2008/04/28 3:47 p.m.



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Scott Reid

Meeting No. 7

Monday, April 14, 2008







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#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Monday, April 14, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 1:03 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Scott Reid, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva and David Sweet.

Acting Members present: Johanne Deschamps for Caroline St-Hilaire and Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Irwin Cotler.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$39,200, for the study of the Omar Khadr case be adopted.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 6, 2008, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in Cuba.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee resume consideration of its draft report on Monday, April 28, 2008.

At 1:56 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

2008/04/15 11:18 a.m.





### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Scott Reid.

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, April 1, 2008 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, April 8, 2008, the Subcommittee met with a delegation of the Congress of the Philippines and with Firoze Manji, Director of Fahamu and Pambazuka News.

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva and David Sweet.

### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Diane Bourgeois for Caroline St-Hilaire, and Sukh Dhaliwal for Hon. Irwin Cotler.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Congress of the Philippines:
Crispin Beltran, Member;
Luzviminda C. Ilagan, Member.

Fahamu-Networks for Social Justice: Firoze Manji, Director.

Congress of the Philippines:
Satur Ocampo, Member.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

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### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 1:06 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Scott Reid, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva and David Sweet.

Acting Members present: Diane Bourgeois for Caroline St-Hilaire and Sukh Dhaliwal for Hon. Irwin Cotler.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

Witnesses: Congress of the Philippines: Crispin Beltran, Member; Luzviminda C. Ilagan, Member. Fahamu-Networks for Social Justice: Firoze Manji, Director. Congress of the Philippines: Satur Ocampo, Member.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, April 1, 2008 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, April 8, 2008, the Subcommittee met with a delegation of the Congress of the Philippines and with Firoze Manji, Director of Fahamu and Pambazuka News.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 2:04 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

2008/04/15 3:36 p.m.



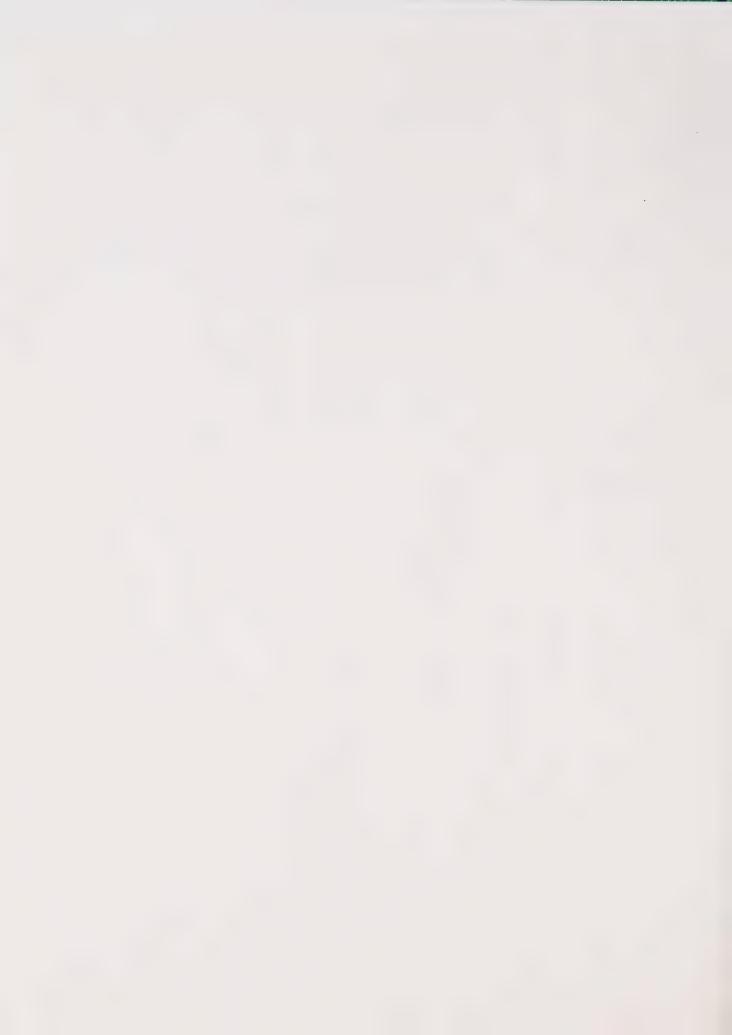
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# SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Scott Reid

Meeting No. 9

Monday, April 28, 2008







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#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Monday, April 28, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 1:09 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Scott Reid, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Scott Reid and David Sweet.

Acting Members present: Omar Alghabra for Mario Silva, Johanne Deschamps for Caroline St-Hilaire and Alexa McDonough for Wayne Marston.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That within the context of its study on the Omar Khadr case, the Subcommittee on International Human Rights adopt the proposed witness list.

At 1:46 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

2008/04/29 12:04 p.m.





## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Scott Reid.

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 11, 2008, the Subcommittee resumed its study of the Omar Khadr case.

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva and David Sweet.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Vivian Barbot for Caroline St-Hilaire, and Hon. Dominic LeBlanc for Hon. Irwin Cotler.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Robert Dufresne, Analyst;

Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

United States Department of Defense:

LCdr William C. Kuebler, Defense Counsel, Office of Military Commissions;

·Rebecca S. Snyder, Attorney, Office of Military Commissions.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met in a televised session at 1:07 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Scott Reid, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva and David Sweet.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Caroline St-Hilaire and Hon. Dominic LeBlanc for Hon. Irwin Cotler.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Robert Dufresne, Analyst; Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Witnesses: United States Department of Defense: LCdr William C. Kuebler, Defense Counsel, Office of Military Commissions; Rebecca S. Snyder, Attorney, Office of Military Commissions.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 11, 2008, the Subcommittee commenced its study of the Omar Khadr case.

At 2:00 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

2008/04/30 2:27 p.m.



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# SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Scott Reid.

Meeting No. 11

Monday, May 5, 2008

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 11, 2008, the Subcommittee resumed its study of the Omar Khadr case.

### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston and Scott Reid

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ron Cannan for David Sweet, Johanne Deschamps for Caroline St-Hilaire, and Bernard Patry for Mario Silva.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marcus Pistor, Analyst;

Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Canadian Bar Association:

Bernard Amyot, President; Lorne A. Waldman, Executive Member, National Citizenship and Immigration Law Section.

As an Individual:

David Matas, Immigration Lawyer.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Monday, May 5, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met at 1:04 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Scott Reid, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston and Scott Reid.

Acting Members present: Ron Cannan for David Sweet, Johanne Deschamps for Caroline St-Hilaire and Bernard Patry for Mario Silva.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst; Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Bar Association: Bernard Amyot, President; Lorne A. Waldman, Executive Member, National Citizenship and Immigration Law Section. As an individual: David Matas, Immigration Lawyer.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 11, 2008, the Subcommittee resumed its study of the Omar Khadr case.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 2:06 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/05 2:59 p.m.



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Scott Reid

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, May 6, 2008





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### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 1:19 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Scott Reid, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Wayne Marston and Scott Reid.

Acting Members present: Omar Alghabra for Mario Silva, Ron Cannan for David Sweet and Réal Ménard for Caroline St-Hilaire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst; Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 6, 2008, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in Cuba.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee consider its draft report on Human Rights in Cuba at a further meeting.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee meet on May 12, 13, 26, 27 and 28, 2008, for its study of the Omar Khadr case.

At 2:03 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

2008/05/15 8:29 a.m.





# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Scott Reid.

Meeting No. 13

Monday, May 12, 2008

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 11, 2008, the Subcommittee resumed its study of the Omar Khadr case.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva and David Sweet.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Johanne Deschamps for Caroline St-Hilaire.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marcus Pistor, Analyst;

Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

Amnesty International:

Hilary Homes, Campaigner, International Justice, Security and Human Rights.

Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children: Kathy Vandergrift, Chairperson, Board of Directors.

Roger Préfontaine
Clerk of the Subcommittee



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Monday, May 12, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met in a televised session at 12:06 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Scott Reid, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva and David Sweet.

Acting Members present: Johanne Deschamps for Caroline St-Hilaire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst; Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

Witnesses: Amnesty International: Hilary Homes, Campaigner, International Justice, Security and Human Rights. Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children: Kathy Vandergrift, Chairperson, Board of Directors.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 11, 2008, the Subcommittee resumed its study of the Omar Khadr case.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

At 1:08 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:14 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

It was agreed, — That Craig Forcese be invited to appear on the Omar Khadr case on May 26, 2008.

At 1:51 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:51 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 1:58 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

2008/05/13 9:51 a.m.

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Scott Reid.

Meeting No. 14

**Tuesday, May 13, 2008** 

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 11, 2008, the Subcommittee resumed its study of the Omar Khadr case.

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva and David Sweet.

### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Vivian Barbot for Caroline St-Hilaire, and Hon. Dominic LeBlanc for Hon. Irwin Cotler.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

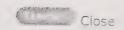
Marcus Pistor, Analyst;

Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

## WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

David M. Crane, Professor, College of Law, Syracuse University; Hon. Roméo A. Dallaire, Senator.



Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met in a televised session at 1:02 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Scott Reid, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston. Scott Reid, Mario Silva and David Sweet.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Caroline St-Hilaire and Hon. Dominic LeBlanc for Hon. Irwin Cotler.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst; Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

Witnesses: As individuals: David M. Crane, Professor, College of Law, Syracuse University; Hon. Roméo A. Dallaire, Senator.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 11, 2008, the Subcommittee resumed its study of the Omar Khadr case.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Mario Silva moved, — Whereas, the military junta currently ruling Burma (Myanmar) has put their own power above the wellbeing of their citizens

And whereas, the suffering of the Burmese people is even more severe in the wake of recent natural disasters And whereas, a fundamental principle of international human rights is the responsibility of each government to protect their own population

And whereas, the military junta currently ruling Burma (Myanmar) is unable and unwilling to adequately deal with the humanitarian needs of its population at this time

And whereas, the military junta currently ruling Burma (Myanmar) has severely restricted the ability of international aid workers to operate in Burma to help alleviate the terrible suffering there

And whereas, there are reports that the military junta currently ruling Burma (Myanmar) is using humanitarian aid to their own population as a means of propping up their own regime through the upcoming referendum

Be it resolved that the Subcommittee condemn the refusal of the Burmese military junta now in power to allow humanitarian aid into the country to assist the victims of the recent disaster, and that it urge the military junta to open the doors to international aid, supplies and humanitarian aid workers.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

David Sweet moved, — That the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development hear witnesses to deliberate on the treatment of religious minorities in Pakistan and elsewhere.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 2:09 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

2008/05/14 11:59 a.m.

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Scott Reid.

Meeting No. 15

Monday, May 26, 2008

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 11, 2008, the Subcommittee resumed its study of the Omar Khadr case.

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Irwin Cotler, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva and David Sweet.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Claude Bachand for Caroline St-Hilaire, and Pierre Poilievre for Hon. Jason Kenney.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marcus Pistor, Analyst;

Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

#### As Individuals:

Craig Forcese, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa;

Catherine Archibald, Student, Common Law Section, University of Ottawa:

Clare Crummey, Student, Common Law Section, University of Ottawa:

Andrew Harrington, Student, Common Law Section, University of Ottawa;

Miguel Mendes, Student, Common Law Section, University of Ottawa:

Ajmal Pashtoonyar, Student, Common Law Section, University of Ottawa:

Sean Richmond, Student, Common Law Section, University of Ottawa.



Meeting No. 15

Monday, May 26, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met in a televised session at 12:14 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Scott Reid, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva and David Sweet.

Acting Members present: Claude Bachand for Caroline St-Hilaire and Pierre Poilievre for Hon. Jason Kenney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst; Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

Witnesses: As individuals: Craig Forcese, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa; Catherine Archibald, Student, Common Law Section, University of Ottawa; Clare Crummey, Student, Common Law Section, University of Ottawa; Andrew Harrington, Student, Common Law Section, University of Ottawa; Miguel Mendes, Student, Common Law Section, University of Ottawa; Ajmal Pashtoonyar, Student, Common Law Section, University of Ottawa; Sean Richmond, Student, Common Law Section, University of Ottawa.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 11, 2008, the Subcommittee resumed its study of the Omar Khadr case.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:27 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

2008/05/28 12:07 p.m.



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Scott Reid.

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 11, 2008, the Subcommittee resumed its study of the Omar Khadr case.

### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva and David Sweet.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Vivian Barbot for Caroline St-Hilaire, and Dave MacKenzie for David Sweet.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marcus Pistor, Analyst;

Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

## WITNESSES:

As an Individual:
Howard Anglin, Lawyer.

Canadian Coalition for Democracies:

Naresh Raghubeer, Executive Director.



Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met in a televised session at 12:04 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Scott Reid, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva and David Sweet.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Caroline St-Hilaire and Dave MacKenzie for David Sweet.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst; Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Howard Anglin, Lawyer. Canadian Coalition for Democracies: Naresh Raghubeer, Executive Director.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 11, 2008, the Subcommittee resumed its study of the Omar Khadr case.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:40 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

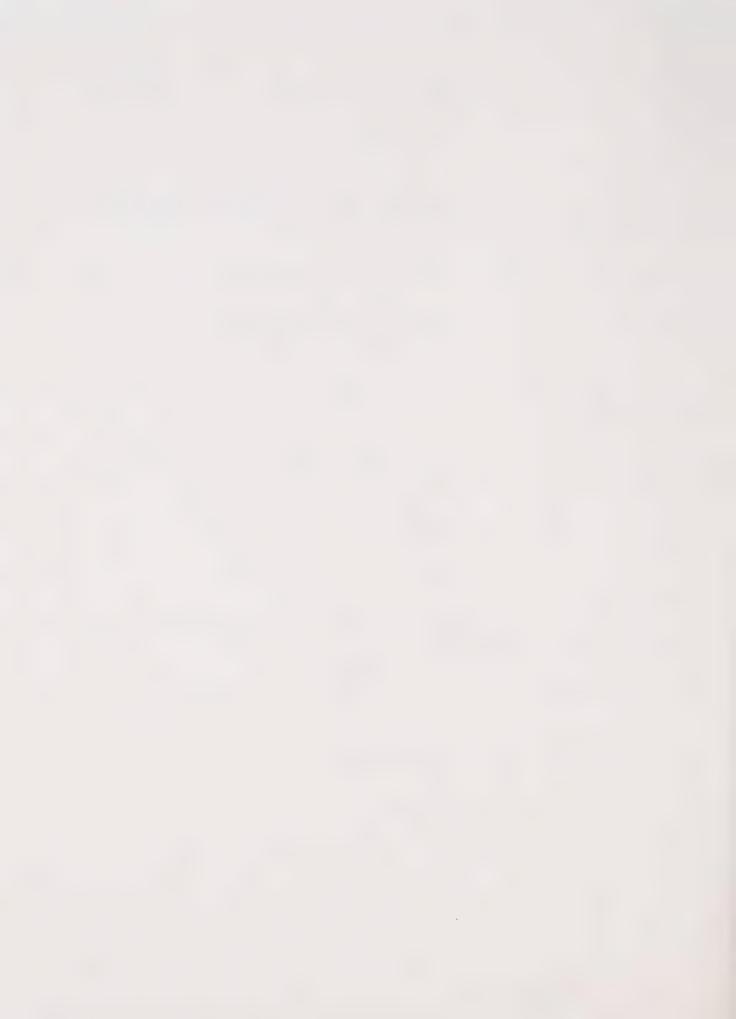
At 1:41 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

It was agreed. — That the Subcommittee meet on Monday, June 2, 2008 to give drafting instructions to the Analysts on a report on the Omar Khadr case.

At 2:02 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

2008/05/28 12:05 p.m.



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Scott Reid

Meeting No. 17

Monday, June 2, 2008

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### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Monday, June 2, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 1:09 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Scott Reid, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid and David Sweet.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Caroline St-Hilaire and Hon. Scott Brison for Mario Silva.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst; Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 11, 2008, the Subcommittee resumed its study of the Omar Khadr case.

The Subcommittee proceeded to give instructions to the Analysts for the drafting of a report on the Omar Khadr case.

At 2:00 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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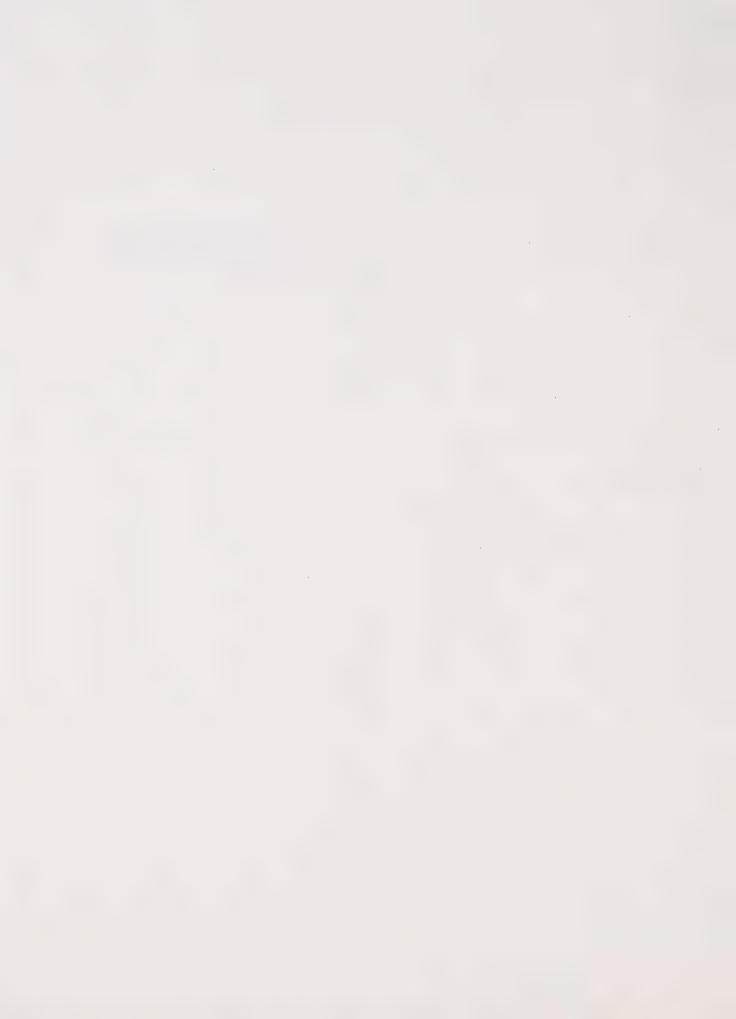
# SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Scott Reid

Meeting No. 18

Monday, June 3, 2008

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### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 1:12 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Scott Reid, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid and David Sweet.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Caroline St-Hilaire and Hon. Robert Thibault for Mario Silva.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst; Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 11, 2008, the Subcommittee resumed its study of the Omar Khadr case.

The Subcommittee proceeded to give instructions to the Analysts for the drafting of a report on the Omar Khadr case.

At 1:59 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

2008/06/04 11:39 a.m.





## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Scott Reid

Meeting No. 19

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### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Monday, June 9, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 1:06 p.m. this day, in Room 214, Wellington Building, the Chair, Scott Reid, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Wayne Marston, Scott Reid and David Sweet.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Caroline St-Hilaire, Hon. Sue Barnes for Hon. Irwin Cotler and Sukh Dhaliwal for Mario Silva.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst; Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 11, 2008, the Subcommittee resumed its study of the Omar Khadr case.

The Subcommittee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed on division, — That the Subcommittee adopt the report entitled: « The Case of Omar Khadr », and that the Chair present the report to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development .

At 1:47 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

2008/10/07 10:57 a.m.

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Scott Reid

Meeting No. 20

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### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 1:00 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Scott Reid, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva and David Sweet.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Caroline St-Hilaire and Hon. Sue Barnes for Hon. Irwin Cotler.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst; Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on International Human Rights reports to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development that it endorses the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 13 September 2007 and requests that the Standing Committee call upon the Parliament and Government of Canada to implement fully the standards contained therein.

At 2:00 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

2008/10/07 10:58 a.m.



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Scott Reid.

# Meeting No. 21

Monday, June 16, 2008

## ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, the Subcommittee resumed its study of the treatment of religious minorities in Pakistan and elsewhere.

## MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva and David Sweet.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Irwin Cotler, and Johanne Deschamps for Caroline St-Hilaire.

#### OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Jim Abbott.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

## Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

#### WITNESSES:

One Free World International:

Rev. Majed El Shafie, President.

As Individuals:

Chantal Desloges, Immigration Lawyer.

International Christian Voice:
Peter Bhatti, President.

Bahá'í Community of Canada: Susanne E. Tamas, Director, Office of Governmental Relations.

As Individuals:

Dany Yousif, Interpreter; Firidon Zia.



Meeting No. 21

Monday, June 16, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met in a televised session at 12:05 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Scott Reid, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva and David Sweet.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Irwin Cotler and Johanne Deschamps for Caroline St-Hilaire.

Other Members present: Hon. Jim Abbott.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

Witnesses: One Free World International: Rev. Majed El Shafie, President. As an individual: Chantal Desloges, Immigration Lawyer. International Christian Voice: Peter Bhatti, President. Bahá'í Community of Canada: Susanne E. Tamas, Director, Office of Governmental Relations. As individuals: Dany Yousif, Interpreter; Firidon Zia.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, the Subcommittee commenced its study of the treatment of religious minorities in Pakistan and elsewhere.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

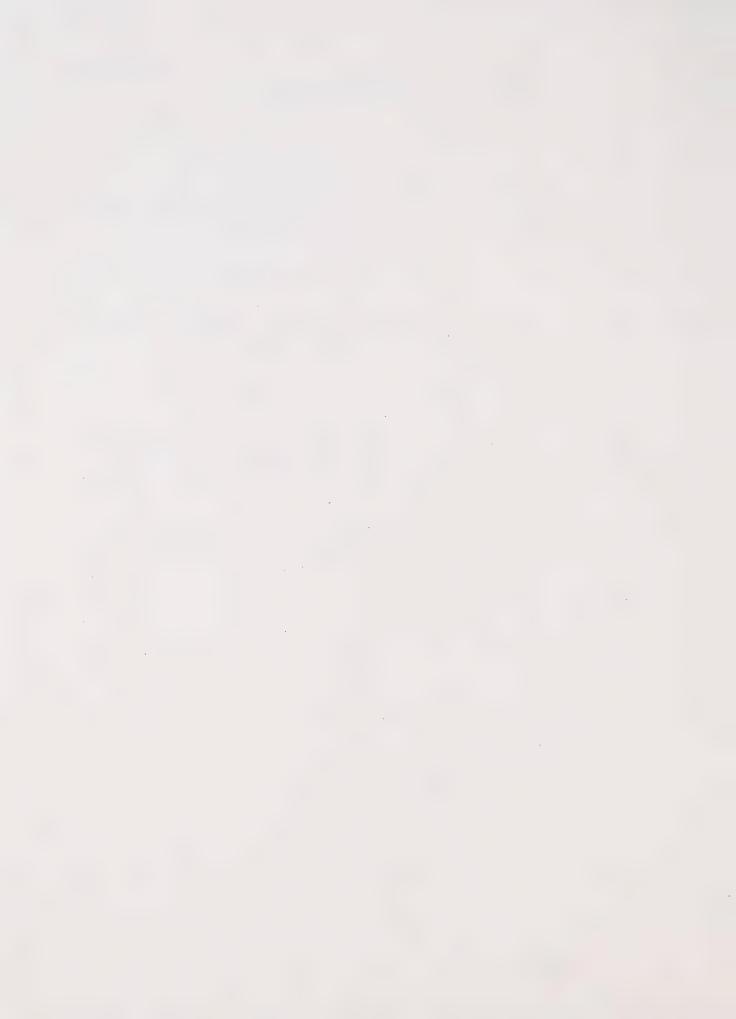
At 2:04 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:05 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 2:05 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

2008/06/17 10:53 a.m.



### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Scott Reid.

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

## **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, the Subcommittee resumed its study of the treatment of religious minorities in Pakistan and elsewhere.

## MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva and David Sweet.

## **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Vivian Barbot for Caroline St-Hilaire, Rob Clarke for David Sweet, Johanne Deschamps for Caroline St-Hilaire, Sukh Dhaliwal for Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jim Karygiannis for Hon. Irwin Cotler, and Irene Mathyssen for Wayne Marston.





Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met in a televised session at 12:05 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Scott Reid, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva and David Sweet.

Acting Members present: Vivian Barbot for Caroline St-Hilaire, Rob Clarke for David Sweet, Johanne Deschamps for Caroline St-Hilaire, Sukh Dhaliwal for Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jim Karygiannis for Hon. Irwin Cotler and Irene Mathyssen for Wayne Marston.

Other Members present: Hon. Jim Abbott.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Robert Dufresne, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Coptic Association: Nabih Abdelmalek, Member; Sam Fanous, Representative. Evangelical Fellowship of Canada: Jocelyn Durston, International Policy Analyst. Nineveh Advocacy Committee: Filham Isaac, Member. Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Community, Canada: Nadeem Siddiq, General Counsel; Naseem Mahdi, Vice President.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business *in camera*.

It was agreed, — Whereas, this Subcommittee recognizes that on May 14, 2008 six members of an informal body known as the Friends that oversees the needs of the Bahá'í community in Iran were arrested and taken to Evin prison which is noted for its political prisoners wing;

And whereas, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights uncovered a confidential letter from Command Headquarters of the Armed Forces of Iran ordering the identification and monitoring of Bahá'í activities in October 2005;

And whereas, the Special Rapporteur of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights stated on March 20, 2006, that she "also expresses concern that the information gained as a result of such monitoring will be used as a basis for the increased persecution of, and discrimination against, members of the Bahá'í faith, in violation of international standards... The Special Rapporteur is concerned that this latest development indicates that the situation with regard to religious minorities in Iran is, in fact, deteriorating";

And whereas, the Bahá'í community of Canada is supportive of the six arrested individuals and to the thousands of Bahá'í they believed to have been killed, imprisoned, or otherwise oppressed in Iran, largely due to their religious beliefs;

And whereas, no explanation has been provided by Iranian officials for their detention;

And whereas, the existence of the draft penal code being debated in the Iranian Majlis (parliament) which contains provisions that violate international human rights and which would legitimize the persecution of religious minorities;

Therefore, be it resolved that in the opinion of this sub-committee Iran must either present legitimate and formal charges in the context of a transparent justice system against the six detained Bahá'í members and respect the rights or release them immediately and that Iran begin to respect the humanitarian worth of all of its citizens;

Be it further resolved, in opinion of this sub-committee that Iran rescind all provisions that would extend, legitimize or provide legal justification for discrimination against Iranian minorities.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on International Human Rights report to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development that it:

Condemns the refusal of the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission to promptly release the results of the parliamentary and presidential elections of March 29, 2008;

Further condemns the efforts of the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission to engage in recounts that seemed intended to overturn the legitimate results of the parliamentary elections;

Condemns the violence and mass arrests perpetrated by the government of Robert Mugabe since the elections took place, which are threatening to prevent free and fair run-off elections for the presidency from taking place;

Calls for the immediate release of all political prisoners, in particular members of the Movement for Democratic Change, which won the largest number of seats in the parliamentary elections and whose candidate, Morgan Tsvangirai, won the first round of the presidential elections;

Calls for the full and independent investigation by international observers of the reported killing of opposition activists;

Condemns the decision by the government of Robert Mugabe to stop the distribution of food aid by international aid organizations and expresses its grave concerns about reports that political considerations affect the distribution of food aid:

Congratulates the dockworkers of Durban for refusing to allow the unloading of an arms shipment aboard the An Yue Jiang, which had been destined for the military forces of Zimbabwe.

At 12:26 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:30 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, the Subcommittee heard witnesses on the treatment of religious minorities in Pakistan and elsewhere.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Mario Silva moved, — That the Subcommittee undertake a study on the treatment of religious

minorities in Pakistan and elsewhere and hear further witnesses on this subject-matter.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 2:13 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Subcommittee

2008/06/19 11:47 a.m.







